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provides passage of a connector connecting said I/O device to said external data output and wherein said external data output is a modem.

- 7. The portable computer system of claim 3, wherein said I/O device in said housing connects said microprocessor to 5 an external data output and wherein a port in said case provides passage of connector connecting said I/O device to said external data output and wherein said external data output is a loudspeaker.
- 8. The portable computer system of claim 3, wherein said 10 I/O device in said housing connects said microprocessor to an external data output and wherein a port in said case provides passage of a connector connecting said I/O device to said external data output and wherein said external data output is a multimedia video display.
- 9. The portable computer system of claim 3, wherein said I/0 device in said housing connects said microprocessor to an external data output and wherein a port in said case provided passage of a connector connecting said I/O device to said external data output and wherein said external data 20 output is a microphone.
- 10. The portable computer system claim 3, wherein said I/O device in said housing connects said microprocessor to an external data output and wherein a port in said case provides passage of a connector connecting said I/O device 25 to said external data output and wherein said external data output is a headphone.
- 11. The portable computer system of claim 1, wherein said computer system includes:
 - an air outlet in said housing venting heat from said 30 housing; and wherein:
 - said case has an air outlet past formed in said receptacle aligned with said housing air outlet for venting heat from said housing externally of said case.
- 12. The portable computer system of claim 1, further 35 including:
 - a connector mechanism for attaching said case cover to said lower case body.
- 13. The portable computer system of claim 1 further including:
 - said case cover having a release port formed in it adjacent said display panel release mechanism.
- 14. The portable computer system of claim 1, wherein said case includes:

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- a support shelf extending forward from said receptacle to support a computer user's forearms while using the computer.
- 15. The portable computer system of claim 14, wherein: said support shelf has a carrying handle formed therein.
- 16. The portable computer system of claim 14, further
 - a storage tray formed in said support shelf.
- 17. The portable computer system of claim 16, further
- a movable cover for opening and closing said storage tray.
- 18. The portable computer system of claim 1, wherein said case includes:
- a storage tray formed in said case extending forward from said receptacle.
- 19. The portable computer system of claim 18, further
 - movable cover for opening and closing said storage tray.
 - 20. The portable computer system of claim 19, wherein: said movable cover has a padded upper surface.
 - 21. The portable computer system of claim 1, wherein: said case has a carrying handle mounted therewith.
 - 22. A portable computer system comprising:
 - a processor board having at least one microprocessor mounted thereon for processing data;
 - a data display for displaying data processed by said microprocessor;
 - a housing comprising:
 - a lower body containing said processor board; and
 - a display panel containing said data display, said display panel connected to the lower body; and
 - a case comprising a lower case body and a case cover, said case including:
 - said lower case body having said housing lower body fitted therein;
 - said case cover having said display panel fitted therein,

said display panel including a release mechanism for allowing movement of said display panel with respect to said case cover.